



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

Progress in Cambodia as of June 13, 2007

Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War

| | <u>Vietnam</u> | <u>Laos</u> | <u>Cambodia</u> | <u>China</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Original Missing | 1,981 | 572 | 83 | 10 | 2,646 |
| Repatriated and Identified | <u>616</u> | <u>215</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>863¹</u> |
| Remaining Missing | 1,365 | 357 | 54 | 7 | 1,783 |

Of the remaining 54 Americans still unaccounted for in the country of Cambodia, four are in a “no further pursuit” status, meaning that as a result of rigorous investigation we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains.

Repatriating and Identifying Remains

- The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) normally conducts at least one Joint Field Activity (JFA) per year in Cambodia.
- Each JFA involves 25-40 U.S. personnel plus their Cambodian counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30-60 days.
- American remains are transferred to JPAC’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for positive identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 37th JFA began January 11 and continued through March 16, 2007. The recovery portion of the JFA concluded February 15 and teams excavated sites in Kratie Province. A country-wide investigative effort began February 13 and continued through March 16, 2007.
- The 38th JFA is scheduled to begin August 15 and continue through September 17, 2007. A recovery team will excavate sites in Khampot and Kampong Cham Provinces.

Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases

- Of the original 19 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Cambodia (those who might have survived their loss incidents, but did not return), DoD has determined the fate of four, with 15 still unresolved.
- Of the four whose fate has been determined, the remains of three have been located and identified.
- Cambodia, Vietnam, and U.S. technical experts met in Hanoi in November 2004 to discuss Last Known Alive cases along the Cambodia – Vietnam border. We continue to pursue leads generated from the meeting.

Research and Investigations

- A U.S. POW/MIA investigator is stationed in Phnom Penh full-time. He pursues leads associated with the remaining 54 individuals missing in Cambodia.
- Witnesses have assisted in identifying recovery sites on Koh Tang, the island associated with the Mayaguez incident. Nine of the 18 Americans missing from that incident have been recovered and identified.
- U.S. researchers continue to review materials in Cambodian archives. Private researchers studying wartime atrocities in Cambodia have shared relevant information they have uncovered.
- Cambodian researchers have conducted unilateral investigations in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

¹This number now includes the 63 Americans who were returned and/or identified from 1973 – 1975.